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) **MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

) Group Art Unit: 3662

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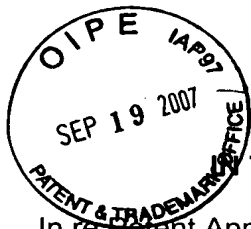
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicants hereby cite certain documents identified in four (4) Official Actions issued by the Japanese Patent Office, concerning the corresponding Japanese priority patent applications numbers JP 2003-358227, JP 2003-358228, JP 2003-363422 and JP 2003-370556, and in an Official Action issued by the Korean Patent Office, concerning the corresponding Korean patent application number 10-2006-7006870, in conformance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. A copy of the Korean Official Action and each of the four (4) Japanese Official Actions is attached hereto. English translations are provided for the four (4) Japanese Official Actions.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the cited documents, other than the U.S. patents, is enclosed.

Applicants note that JP 15-021677, identified in the Korean Official Action, was previously cited (as JP 2003-21677) and a copy provided in the First Information Disclosure Statement filed in the present application on April 17, 2006, and is therefore not cited in this Information Disclosure Statement. In addition, Applicants note that Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 2003-36484, identified in the Official Action issued in JP 2003-358228 and in the Official Action issued in JP 2003-363422, and Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 2000-31808, identified in the Official Action issued in JP 2003-358227, were previously cited and copies provided in the Second Information Disclosure Statement filed in the present application on March 14, 2007, and are therefore not cited in this Information Disclosure Statement.

The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever

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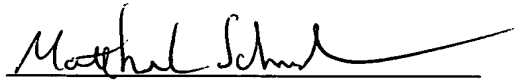
To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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